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By the numbers

65%

Boston's voter turnout for Tuesday's election was about 65 percent, according to city data. More than 251,000 ballots were cast. The numbers were up from the 2008 election, during which about 62 percent of voters went to the polls.
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Today's local tweet

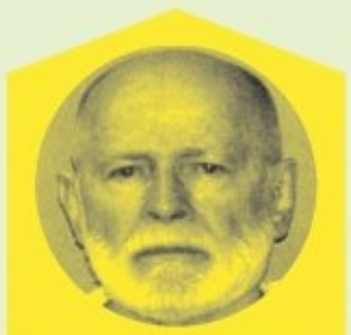
"It's cold enough, I'm in no rush for this snow! #Mother-Nature is a bit impatient huh? #boston #ithoughtitwasautumn!!!"

@ALEXHASDIMPLES IS NOT PUMPED TO HAVE TO BUNDLE UP

Ups and downs

Elizabeth Warren
Just hours after unseating Republican Scott Brown yesterday, Democratic Senator-elect Warren thanked voters at Broadway Station in South Boston where she launched her campaign last September.

James 'Whitey' Bulger
Alleged mob boss Bulger, 83, was released from Boston Medical Center yesterday after being kept there since Sunday for chest pains. The fugitive was returned to his prison cell in Plymouth.



Mayor Thomas Menino
Menino, 69, is still recovering in a hospital and will likely remain there through the weekend, his office said yesterday. He has been hospitalized since returning from a vacation in Italy at the end of last month with a virus and a blood clot.

Upper Crust
The gourmet pizza owes employees $850,000 in back wages and damages after violating minimum-wage and overtime laws and failing to pay 67 employees, according to U.S. Department of Labor documents filed last week.

News in brief

Woman burned in Charlestown fire

CHARLESTOWN. A woman and a firefighter were injured in a blaze that burned through a Charlestown building yesterday. Fire crews responded to the Phipps Street home and saw flames coming from the first-floor apartment when they arrived just before 1 p.m.

A woman was taken to a hospital for burns and a firefighter was also transported for a facial cut. Fire officials estimated the damage from the two-alarm fire at $75,000.

The cause is under investigation. METRO

Postman accused of stealing iPhones

BOSTON. Federal authorities have charged a postal worker with stealing iPhones. Louis Dozier, 55, of Roxbury, pleaded not guilty yesterday to theft of mail, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Dozier was an employee of the United States Postal Service and stole at least two iPhones from packages, according to authorities. If convicted, Dozier faces up to five years in jail and a $250,000 fine. METRO

Parking employee indicted in kiosk thefts

LOWELL. A Lowell man was indicted yesterday on charges that he allegedly stole more than $37,000 over the course of several years from city parking kiosks, according to a report by the Lowell Sun.

Richard Neveu, 51, was employed by Central Parking System when he reportedly stole the money. METRO

Bay State recovers from Election Day hangover, GOP loss

Questions on Brown, state Republicans remain after election night beating ◐ Romney departs from Boston ◐ Convention center cleans up after national spotlight

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI

▶ With Romney's loss official, television crews packed up their gear outside the Boston Convention Center yesterday.

It's a question most of us have asked ourselves: "What happened last night?"

And that was the question that was likely being asked in Republican circles in Massachusetts yesterday after the party saw a rough election night.

Bay State Republicans were beat at all levels of government and lost some of the gains made during the 2010 election. Besides former Gov. Mitt Romney being bounced by President Barack Obama, Sen. Scott Brown lost his place in the Senate and state House Republicans suffered a net loss of three seats.

Another question on the minds of not just Republicans, but many in Massachusetts, is what will become of Brown after his defeat by Harvard professor Elizabeth Warren.

"I think he remains very popular in Massachusetts," said John Berg, a professor of government at Suffolk University. He attributed Warren's win in part to Obama's coattails. "I think he comes out of this still popular and I think the Republican Party sees him as one of the credible candidates they could put up," said Berg.

Although Brown lost his Senate seat, he earned 46 percent of the vote.

Berg said Brown could be successful as a potential candidate in a special election to replace Sen. John Kerry, if Kerry is tapped to become Obama's secretary of state.

Paul Watanabe, the political science chair at UMass Boston, said Brown could be a successful candidate for governor after Gov. Deval Patrick finishes his second and final term because the office is "fertile territory for Republicans."

With the GOP holding only 30 seats compared to the Democrat's 130 in the state House, it has become clear that the GOP needs to grow its candidate crop, Watanabe said.

"There is not a very deep bench amongst Republican candidates," he said. "The way to build a bench … [is to] run for some of the offices and fill positions at the local level and build a bench that can supply candidates for the big run."

Quoted

"Now with [former] Gov. [William] Weld back in the state, I'm feeling really good about our opportunity for 2014."

STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIRMAN ROBERT MAGINN

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Party wrap-up

The Boston Convention and Exhibition Center was crawling with Republicans and media members from around the nation and world Tuesday night, but about as quickly as the presidential race was called for Obama, the patriotic lighting was turned off and the powerful spotlights were gone.

The Romney election night party that filled the hall and was the focus of international attention just hours before was replaced by two conventions dealing with fabrics and composites that attracted about 16,000 people.

Some members of the media were still reporting from the convention center, but few remained by yesterday afternoon. Romney left the adjacent Westin hotel and returned to his hometown of Belmont.

Korean firm finally hands over a few new coaches

In the news

Assaults on MBTA employees up 10 percent over 2011

Since January, assaults on MBTA employees have been up 10 percent over the same time last year.

Quoted

"Let it be known that we will prosecute anyone assaulting an MBTA employee to the fullest extent of the law." DAVIS

MBTA Interim General Manager Jonathan Davis yesterday told the MassDOT Board of Directors that between January and October there were 88 assaults on transit workers.

From January 2011 through October 2011 there were 80 only assaults, and a total of 95 for the entire year, he said.

"[The] safety of our employees and customers will continue to be my top priority," Davis said in his report to the board. "Let it be known that we will prosecute anyone assaulting an MBTA employee to the fullest extent of the law."

Davis also said that T police continue to "aggressively pursue the perpetrators" by sharing surveillance of the incidents online, and that the MBTA's Chief Safety Officer is looking into the best practices to keep transit operators safe. METRO/MR

COURTESY/MBTA

▶ The new Hyundai Rotem coaches were delivered to the MBTA's Commuter Rail Maintenance Facility in Somerville yesterday.

Two months after the head of the MBTA flew to South Korea to get the lowdown on when Massachusetts can expect 75 double-decker commuter trains that were due more than a year ago, the transit agency reported that four of the coaches were delivered to its commuter rail maintenance facility in Somerville yesterday.

"I am pleased to report that the Hyundai-Rotem bi-level coaches were delivered to the Boston Engine Terminal this morning without incident," MBTA Interim General Manager Jonathan Davis said in his report to the MassDOT Board of Directors yesterday.

The coaches were inspected yesterday, Davis said, and over the next few months will undergo static and dynamic testing.

Maintenance and operations personnel will begin training on them in December.

MBTA Spokesman Joe Pesaturo told Metro yesterday that a few modifications are necessary, but if the testing goes well, the four coaches may be placed in passenger service in the first quarter of next year.

On Saturday, members of the MBTA's Vehicle Engineering Department will travel to South Korea to meet with Hyundai Rotem's engineering and production staff to finalize design and confirm production compliance.

Under the original $190 million contract signed with Hyundai Rotem, the company was supposed to deliver rail cars starting in the spring of 2011. In 2010, T officials agreed to push the timeline back, with delivery dates beginning this past January.

In July, Secretary of Transportation Richard Davey threatened to fire the company if they did not come up with a timetable for completion of the trains. There was no word yesterday on when the next delivery will arrive.

Get up to speed on slow delivery

- **April 2008** The original contract was signed, requiring the company to start delivering the cars in the spring of 2011.
- **September 2010** A revision pushed back the beginning of delivery to this past January.
- **July 2012** Frustrated with the tardiness, Secretary of Transportation Richard Davey threatened to fire the company if they did not come up with a timetable for completion of the trains.
- **September 2012** While visiting Seoul, executives at Hyundai Rotem told Interim General Manager Jonathan Davis they were "embarrassed" by the 18-month delay in delivering the trains.
- **July 2014** The commuter coaches are now planned for delivery in groups of four with the majority in service by July 2014.

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In the news

Former Penn State chief pleads not guilty to cover-up

HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA. The Former Penn State University President Graham Spanier pleaded not guilty yesterday to covering up the Jerry Sandusky child sex scandal in what prosecutors called a "conspiracy of silence," and was freed on bail.

Spanier was charged with child endangerment, perjury, criminal conspiracy, failure to report suspected child abuse and obstruction for failing to report the assaults. **REUTERS**

Three states vote to back gay marriage

Voters in Maryland and Maine approved same-sex marriage on Tuesday while a similar measure in Washington state appeared on track to pass, marking the first time marriage rights have been extended to same-sex couples by popular vote.

The vote was hailed as a watershed moment by gay rights activists because while same-sex unions have been legalized in six states and the District of Columbia by lawmakers or courts, voters had consistently rejected doing so. More than 30 states have approved constitutional bans on gay marriage.

"It's enormous. We have truly made history," said Brian Ellner, head of the pro-gay marriage group The Four. "Having the first states approve marriage by a popular vote changes the narrative and sends an important message to the Supreme Court."

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Same-sex couples

Backed by Obama

President Barack Obama earlier this year became the first U.S. president to support gay marriage, and his campaign endorsed the gay marriage measures in the three states.

In Maryland, the measure passed 52 percent to 48 percent.

In Maine, it was leading by 53 percent to 47 percent, with 75 percent of precincts reporting. The 6-point margin was wide enough to allow proponents to declare victory.

And in Washington, it was leading by 52 percent to 48 percent, with 62 percent of precincts reporting.

In Minnesota, meanwhile, voters rejected adding that state to the list of those defining marriage solely as a heterosexual union. With more than 97 percent of precincts reporting, the proposed constitutional amendment was trailing 48 percent to 52 percent.

In all four states, the marriage equality effort did better in urban areas and were less popular among rural voters. **REUTERS**

In the news

Guatemala coast quake kills eight

GUATEMALA CITY. A strong earthquake off the coast of Guatemala yesterday shook buildings in Guatemala City, killed eight people and caused evacuations as far away as Mexico City.

A local fire chief said the dead were buried under rubble in three different Guatemalan towns. It was the strongest earthquake to hit Guatemala since a 7.5 magnitude quake in 1976 that claimed more than 20,000 lives.

Landslides were blocking roads in some areas, authorities said, and about 40 houses were severely damaged. **REUTERS**

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Magnitude of earthquake at 10:35 a.m. local

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Help Metro make the holidays magical for kids

It's that most wonderful time of the year again — when Metro launches Metro Magic, our annual toy appeal for underprivileged children in New York, Boston and Philadelphia.

For the third year, we'll be encouraging our readers to contribute what they can to Metro Magic, which since it started in 2010 has delivered thousands of dollars' worth of toys to children for whom there would otherwise be no annual visit from Santa.

Once again we've teamed up with Toys for Tots, the charitable effort run by the U.S. Marines. In Boston, Metro has also partnered with Heading Home, a Cambridge-based organization that helps homeless families get back on track.

"Heading Home seeks to end homelessness in Greater Boston," said Development Director Emily Smaldon. "With family homelessness at an all-time high, the gifts from the Boston Metro newspaper will help us bring much-needed holiday cheer to the families we serve, most of whom are single mothers with young children. We're grateful for the Metro's support."

Metro has established a wish list at the Toys "R" Us website that readers can access by going to www.metro.us and clicking on the Metro Magic logo at the top left of the page.

From there, just choose the toys you wish to donate, pay online using Toys "R" Us' secure payment system, and your gifts, along with your name attached, will be delivered to Metro's offices.

Tony Metcalf, editor-in-chief of Metro U.S., said, "We've been astonished at how well our readers responded over the last two years. Metro Magic got off to a good start in 2010, but last year it really exploded.

"Our offices resembled Santa's Grotto, and we will never forget the look on the faces of the little ones to whom we delivered the gifts near the holidays.

"We know times remain tough, but we have faith in our readers' generosity."

The campaign will run until the week before Dec. 25. METRO

Quoted

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TONY METCALF, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF METRO U.S.

1 Log on to **www.metro.us** and look for the Metro Magic logo at the top left.

2 One click on the logo will take you to a "wish list" we have set up via a secure link on **ToysRUs.com**. Once there, you can see all the toys we've already requested, with more added daily.

▶ All the gifts purchased will be sent directly to Metro's office. METRO

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Right to be a sore loser

Pundits let loose their postelection wrath

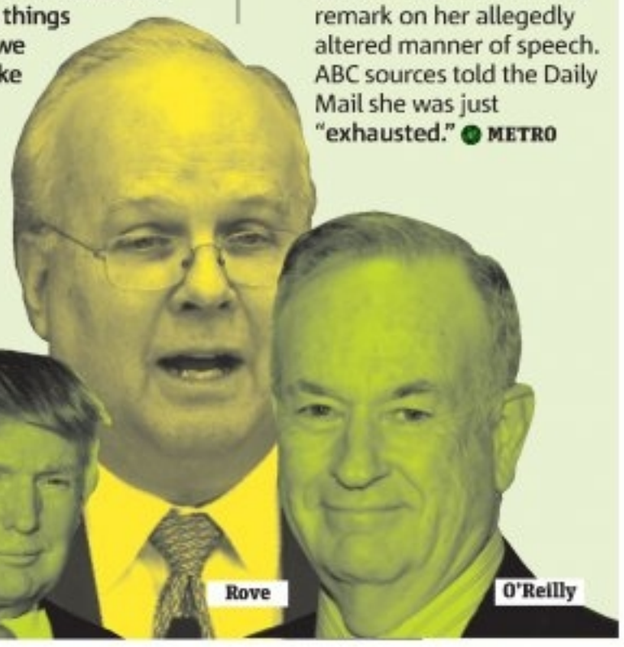
A bunch of angry, middle-aged white men couldn't hide their anger at Obama's victory.

1 Within minutes of Obama being declared winner, **Donald Trump** took to Twitter. Obama's election was a "**great and disgusting injustice,**" he wrote, before adding: "**He lost the popular vote and won the election. We should have a revolution in this country!**" He later removed the tweets.

2 Meanwhile in the Fox Studios, **Karl Rove** argued vehemently with his own employers over their decision to call Ohio as an Obama win — which clinched the presidency for the Democrat. Rove said the call was premature: "**We've got to be careful about calling things when we have like 991 votes separating the candidates and a quarter of the vote left to count. ... I'd be very cautious about intruding in this process.**" But he backtracked when Fox pointed out that remaining votes were in a Democratic-leaning county.

"It's a changing country. It's no longer a traditional America. Fifty percent of the electorate want things. They want stuff. And who is going to give it to them? Obama did and he ran on that. The white establishment is now a minority."
BILL O'REILLY, ON FOX NEWS

4 In other news, sources at ABC last night denied that anchor **Diana Sawyer** may have been drinking before the election broadcast after viewers took to social media networks to remark on her allegedly altered manner of speech. ABC sources told the Daily Mail she was just "**exhausted.**" **METRO**



Marketing strategies

Wall Street lost its gamble on Romney so woos Obama

Wall Street firms gambled on Mitt Romney and lost.

Now, faced with the prospect of even tougher regulations in Obama's second term, they have to build better ties with the new financial regulators he will appoint.

Stock investors fear banks will meet with limited success. Obama lost the support of many bankers in the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis and the passage of the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial reform law. The Democratic president openly stated his distaste for "fat cat bankers" who "don't get it," and bankers fear more trouble is ahead if they cannot influence how the Dodd-Frank rules are implemented. **REUTERS**

Romney 'stuck in the past'

The Republican postmortem will be long and bitter. A weakened Obama and high unemployment opened the door for change of guard, and party strategists will struggle to understand how Mitt Romney failed to take advantage.

"His message had a weakness in being stuck in the past," Dr. Rasmus Nielsen, political communications professor and author of "Ground Wars: Personalized Communication in Political Campaigns," told Metro. "By saying 'We can't afford four more years [of Obama],' Romney avoided discussing a plan for the future."

Nielsen believes the Republicans also overstated economic failure at a time of slow but steady growth (2 percent) and falling unemployment: "If you ask people if they are better off now than four years ago in the swing states, where unemployment is lower than the national average, many would say yes."

Romney's embarrassing lines such as "47% of Americans are victims" may not have decided votes alone, but contributed to the Obama campaign's portrayal of an out-of-touch millionaire. "It was not until the first debate people could see past the fire-breathing monster," says Nielsen.

Yet Romney was on a tightrope, seeking to appeal to his party's conservative core and the mixed demographic swing states. "It was a real problem for him to convince a party that does not connect with women, black or Hispanic voters, and then come back to the center where minorities are king-makers," said Joe Twyman, YouGov's Director of Political and Social Research.

No candidate could have bridged the gap, Twyman suggests, and the party is now in urgent need of a new direction. "Either the Tea Party will take over or they become more moderate as there is no progress with women or ethnic minorities," he added. "My bet is they will nominate [Cuban-American] Marco Rubio in 2016." **MWN**

No return to politics for Romney

Betting companies are already making Romney a favorite to win the 2016 election, but the candidate's wife disagrees. "He will not run again," Ann Romney claimed in October, confessing a campaign full of character assassination has been "very hard" on the couple. This has been Romney's second failed election bid, and although he could choose to enter the senate, those that know him expect him to take a completely new path. "I think it's likely this is his last foray into politics," Scott Helman, biographer and co-author of "The Real Romney," told Metro.

Despite expectations that the multimillionaire will return to private business that made him so successful, Helman foresees a more public-spirited position: "It's hard to see him being satisfied by simply returning to the private sector – he's made his money, and he certainly doesn't need more. I believe he wants to put his skills to use in the public or nonprofit sector."

EMMANUEL DUNAND/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Romney will wave farewell to politics.

This has been a popular next move for unsuccessful candidates, such as Bob Dole who established his Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas after his failed bid in 1996. Romney already presides over the Tyler Charitable Foundation and will likely devote more time to its work with schools and hospitals. **MWN**

No rest for the winner

Fresh from a decisive reelection win, President Barack Obama returned from the campaign trail yesterday with little time to savor victory, facing urgent economic challenges, a looming fiscal showdown and a still-divided Congress able to block his every move.

Obama defeated Romney on Tuesday night in a grueling presidential race and used his acceptance speech in front of a huge cheering crowd in Chicago to strike a conciliatory note toward his political opponents.

But in the cold light of the 2012 election's morning-after, it was clear that even though voters have endorsed a second Obama term, the president will have a hard time translating that into a mandate to push forward with his agenda.

His most immediate concern is confronting a "fiscal cliff" of automatic tax increases and spending cuts that could crush the U.S. economy recovery — a prospect that weighed heavily on global financial markets on Wednesday and sent Wall Street stocks into a postelection swoon.

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Quoted

"You voted for action, not politics as usual."
OBAMA

Voters chose to preserve the status quo of divided government in Washington. Obama's fellow Democrats retained control of the Senate and Republicans kept their majority in the House of Representatives, giving them power to curb the president's legislative ambitions on everything from taxes to immigration reform.

This is the political reality that Obama — who won a far narrower victory over Romney than his historic election as the country's first black president in 2008 — faces when he returns to Washington today. **REUTERS**

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

S— my real estate developer says

Can someone please take Twitter away from **Donald Trump**? Whereas the reality TV host's bombastic behavior is ratings gold on "The Apprentice," on social media it's frankly embarrassing.

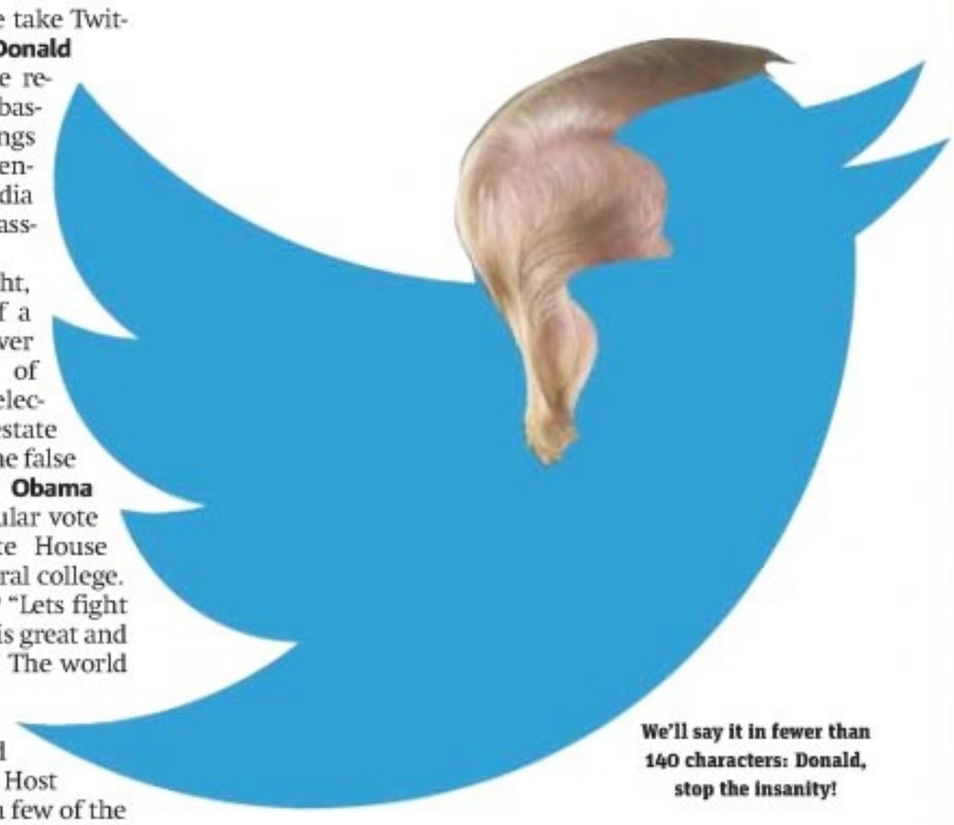
On Tuesday night, Trump had a bit of a Twitter meltdown over **Mitt Romney**'s loss of the presidential election. The real estate mogul tweeted on the false assumption that **Obama** would lose the popular vote but win the White House thanks to the electoral college. One of the nuggets? "Lets fight like hell and stop this great and disgusting injustice! The world is laughing at us."

Then, "NBC Nightly News" did something weird: Host **Brian Williams** read a few of the tweets on air. He basically rolled his eyes at the missives of his fellow NBC star, saying: "Donald Trump has driven well past the last exit to relevance and veered into something closer to irresponsible."

Well, that didn't sit right with Trump, who is now attacking Williams, calling him a "dummy." Via Twitter, Trump retorted: "Brian, I hope @NBCNightlyNews isn't paying you too much — look at what's happening to nightly news. Brian Williams was never a smart guy but always passes himself off as such. People will learn the truth!"

And then: "The only thing more boring than @bwilliams newscast is his show Rock Center which is totally dying in the ratings — a disaster!"

So basically, Trump on Twitter is the equivalent of your crazy grandfather typing out letters to the local newspaper about some invented injustice or another, but with a much larger microphone.



We'll say it in fewer than 140 characters: Donald, stop the insanity!

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'Modern Family' actress pulled from home

"Modern Family" actress **Ariel Winter**, 14, was taken from her home amid reports of physical and emotional abuse from her mother, TMZ reports. Sources tell the site that a judge gave Winter's sister, **Shanelle Workman**, temporary guardianship after a hearing on Oct. 3, and that Winter's mother, **Crystal Workman**, must stay 100 yards away from Ariel.

Apparently (and unfortunately) this isn't the first time abuse allegations have struck this family, however. The Department of Children and Family Services removed Shanelle from Crystal's home almost 20 years ago on similar accounts of abuse. Shanelle was reportedly in foster care for two years and did not return to her mother's home.

A report saying that Winter is looking to divorce her parents over a rift between her and her boyfriend is false, TMZ claims.

Before the Oct. 3 hearing, Winter tweeted: "ALWAYS be strong. Stand up for yourself."

The next hearing in the case is scheduled for Nov. 20.

Winter: Out of the house

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Kirstie Alley is a grateful author, James Corden is faking it, Mariah Carey is celebrating and Conan O'Brien is not looking for a handout.

@kirstiealley
thank you for purchasing my book..it was a labor of labor and love...sweet dreams...see you tomorrow

@JKCorden
I just did a fake laugh to someone when they told me a political joke i didnt really get. Happens almost everyday.

@MariahCarey
Someone just told me it is Hello Kitty's birthday today!! haaaaa

@ConanOBrien
I'd never use this Twitter account to openly pander in hope of getting free stuff. Just wanted you to know, people at Garrett's Popcorn.

Mariah Carey

Talking points

What a surprise! Stewart is smug

Looking for official confirmation that "Twilight" stars **Kristen Stewart** and **Robert Pattinson** have really reconciled in the wake of her cheating scandal? Well, the woman herself isn't being much help in that department. When asked during an interview on the "Today" show if she and Pattinson are back together, she said, "Funny you mention that. I'm going to just let people watch whatever little movie they think our lives are. Keep 'em guessing, I always say."

Green and Fox enjoy being overshadowed

Brian Austin Green and **Megan Fox** are actually grateful for being overshadowed for once. The reason they managed to keep the birth of their son **Noah** a secret for more than a month? Green says all the credit goes to **Reese Witherspoon**, as the world was too busy cooing over her newborn to notice. "We got really lucky," he says. "And I've been wanting to send Reese Witherspoon flowers for, like, a month and a half. She actually gave birth, I think, the day before us in Santa Monica," he told **Ryan Seacrest** during an interview.

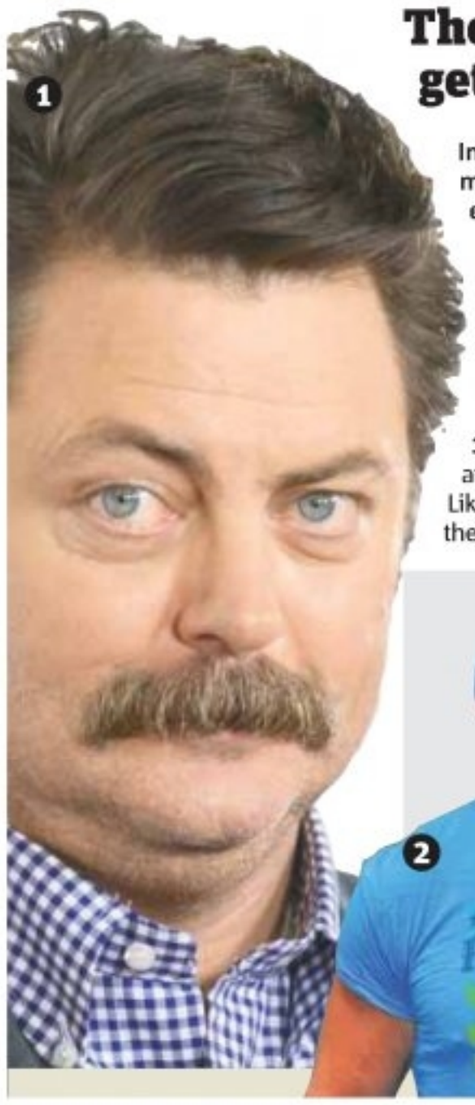
▶ The happily overshadowed couple

Lautner weighs in on cheating scandal

Seeing as how he's starred in all five "Twilight" films with Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson, it was only a matter of time before **Taylor Lautner** was asked to weigh in on Stewart's cheating scandal that broke this summer. And an interviewer for Cosmopolitan magazine did just that, though Lautner chose a very diplomatic route for his response. "To be honest, I've never been involved in any of those situations so I don't know [if trust can be regained]," he says. "It would be just a guess and a shot in the dark, and I don't want to give that if I haven't even been there myself." He does say, however, that he thinks it's possible for a relationship to survive a cheating scandal, assuming they've been together long enough: "If it was a long, serious relationship, I think it's quite easy to rekindle," he says. "I guess it depends on what damage has been done."

These staches get high marks

In honor of "Movember," a mustache growing charity event held during November that raises funds and awareness for prostate cancer, we're highlighting a few celebrities who look pretty swell with a hairy upper lip.



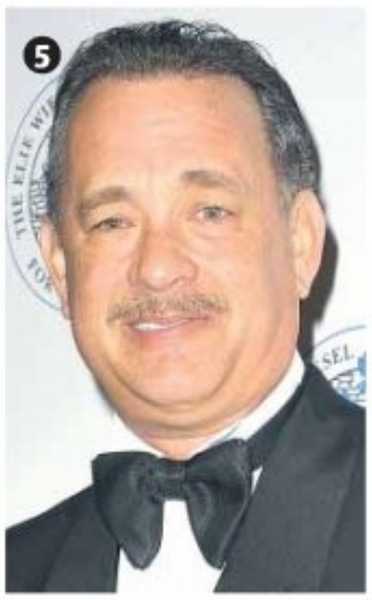
1: Nick Offerman arrived at the "Somebody Up There Likes Me" premiere during the 2012 AFI Fest at Grauman's Chinese Theatre on Saturday in Hollywood.

2: Hulk Hogan and his iconic Fu Manchu walked around Manhattan on Oct. 10.

3: Jessica Stroup and an incognito **Carmen Electra** attended the "90210" 100th Episode Celebration at Pink Taco Sunset Strip on Sept. 29 in Los Angeles.

4: Madame Tussauds added moustaches to the waxworks of **Prime Minister David Cameron** and **Mayor Boris Johnson** to show support for Movember at Madame Tussauds on Tuesday in London.

5: Tom Hanks attended the 2012 Arts For Humanity Gala at New York Public Library on Oct. 17 in New York City.



6: LeAnn Rimes and her finger stache arrived for "Batman Live!" opening night performance at Staples Center on Sept. 27 in Los Angeles.

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The cocktail trouser hour

Martinis aren't the only thing in need of a shake and stir This season a glitzy pair of trousers replaces the little black dress

Trousers to a cocktail party? Here are a few reasons to give them a try: 1) Pants are more liberating and easier to dance in than a tiny little dress, 2) They're chic in a slightly unaffected, androgynous kind of way and 3) This season's flashy, embellished versions are bang on trend thanks to Stella McCartney, Jonathan Saunders, Miu Miu and a long list of others who worked the look into their fall collections.

What to get

Go for a pair that is sufficiently showy. Think shiny metallics, textured brocade or trippy graphics. Wear them to the office with a button down and blazer before changing into a slinky top and skinny heel for night. Now where's that martini?

H&M pants $50, www.hm.com

ASOS floral trousers, $80, www.asos.com

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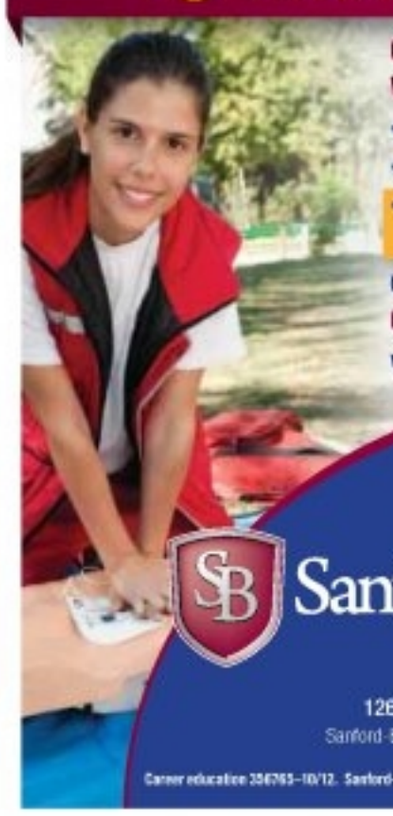

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▶ James Bond (Daniel Craig) is in hot pursuit through the Grand Bazaar of Istanbul in "Skyfall."

Must-see

1 **'Skyfall'** Daniel Craig returns as that charmingly elusive MI6 agent. But this time, we find 007's stealthy skills challenged by a brilliantly evil new adversary — ex-agent Silva (Javier Bardem).

2 **'Lincoln'** And you thought this year's election was polarizing? Our 16th president had a little problem on his hands called the Civil War! There was nothing civil about it, but it sure makes for good drama. Daniel Day Lewis and Sally Field star.

3 **'This Must Be The Place'** This flick that shares a title with a Talking Heads tune stars Sean Penn as an aging goth rocker seeking revenge on a man who tortured his dad at Auschwitz. Huh?

4 **'The Man with the Iron Fists'** Wu-Tang Clan's RZA co-wrote, directed and stars in this kung fu caper, co-produced, fittingly, by Quentin Tarantino. It tells the tale of a 19th-century blacksmith (RZA) who builds elaborate weaponry to defend his village.

5 **'Wreck-It Ralph'** John C. Reilly gives voice to the doddering video game villain who sets off to see what life would be like as a hero in another game.

6 **'Flight'** Denzel Washington stars as a pilot who becomes a hero when he saves his plane from crashing. It soon becomes clear, however, that he had alcohol in his system while on duty.

7 **'Cloud Atlas'** We're prepared to be confused by this film. But if Tom Hanks and Halle Berry have signed on, this intricate time warp has to be worth the ticket price.

8 **'Chasing Mavericks'** Gerard Butler is the Bodhi to Jonny Weston's Johnny Utah in this story about a teen (Weston) who aspires to ride "maverick" waves and the cranky veteran surfer (Butler) who tutors him.

9 **'Alex Cross'** While Madea endures a period of forced retirement, her creator and Dr. Jekyll extraordinaire Tyler Perry plays against type in this adaptation of the best-selling James Patterson crime thrillers.

10 **'Fun Size'** Halloween. High school kids. A raging party. A lost younger brother. You imagine the rest. METRO

TV watch list

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▶ Jeffrey Donovan stars as Michael Westen on "Burn Notice."

'Burn Notice'

DRAMA. Still stranded in Panama after the summer finale, Michael and the team plot an escape. Their plan will possibly be thwarted by a sadistic drug-runner, but probably not. **Season premiere, 9 p.m., USA**

'American Humane Association Hero Dog Awards'

SPECIAL. Adorable canines with inspiring stories of service to humans are honored tonight. In other words, cancel dinner plans and grab the tissues. **8 p.m., Hallmark**

'The Voice'

REALITY. Do you prefer a live performance by Maroon 5 ... **8 p.m., NBC**

'The X Factor'

REALITY. ... or One Direction? Whichever singing competition you choose tonight, you also get the bonus of watching contestants sent home. **8 p.m., Fox** AMBER RAY

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When leaving isn't an option

From the outside, it may seem painfully obvious that a partner being abused should get out One expert on what makes someone stay behind

It's a seemingly simple question, but the answer is fraught with complexities: If someone in a relationship is being abused, why doesn't that person just leave?

"There's a variety of reasons," says Maureen Curtis, LMSW, MPH, associate vice president at Safe Horizon, a New York City victim assistance organization. "Probably first and foremost is fear. Most domestic violence is about power and control. If the person decides to leave, then [the batterer] loses control, so it places the victim more in danger."

Another reason is money. Without financial help from a partner, it can be difficult to support oneself and a family, Curis says.

Victims of abuse can flee to domestic violence shelters, but that might not provide a permanent solution — in New York, for example, stays in emergency shelters are capped at 135 days. From there, victims can apply for transitional housing or enter the homeless shelter system.

The victims who choose not to leave "learn how to manage their risks so that they're able to stay there, keep a roof over their heads and their children's heads," Curtis says.

"I remember one time this woman came into my office and she was really upset because her partner had been arrested. She told me that a year ago she was homeless, living in the streets with her three children, and this man took her and her children in. And while he was abusive, she said that it was worse living in the streets with her three children. She felt she could manage the times that he hit her. And it puts it into perspective. She's making a difficult decision."

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Recognize the signs

"When you think of domestic violence, you think of that classic battered woman who is beaten, who's bruised, who wants to avail themselves of all the services and is ready to leave — and that's not the reality," Curtis says.

Keep an eye out for the following signs, which she says are all hallmarks of abuse:

- **Physical marks:** "If you see bruises or cuts that seem explained in ways that don't seem legitimate, that's something you should look at."
- **Excessive jealousy:** "It's one thing to be jealous, but it's another thing to be jealous to the point of possessive. [Look for] controlling behavior, where that person wants to control everything that their partner does."
- **Isolation from friends and family:** "They could have had the highest self-esteem and now they're so isolated," Curtis says. "And this is the one person that tells them that they love them."

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▶ "Victims are choosing to stay in a relationship for different reasons," says Maureen Curtis of Safe Horizon. "I think one big one that is really, really hard for people to accept is love. They don't love the violence, but they love the person because the person is not this monster."

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The report

MASSACHUSETTS

Wachusett Mountain
www.wachusett.com
Summit elevation: 2,006 ft.
Vertical drop: 1,000 ft.
Number of lifts: 8
Number of trails: 22
Wachusett Mountain is the only Bay State ski area that has announced a tentative opening date for the 2012-13 ski season. The largest mountain in Massachusetts is slated to start its season Nov. 23.

MAINE

Sunday River Ski Resort
www.sundayriver.com
Summit elevation: 3,140 ft.
Vertical drop: 2,340 ft.
Number of lifts: 16
Number of trails: 132
Sunday River officially opened for the season Tuesday. There are three groomed trails open after six days of snowmaking. On the weekend of Nov. 17, skiers who bring three cans of food to donate to a local food bank will receive a $10 discount.

Sugarloaf USA
www.sugarloaf.com
Summit elevation: 4,237 ft.
Vertical drop: 2,820 ft.
Number of lifts: 15
Number of trails: 145
Sugarloaf will kick off the season Friday at 9 a.m. The mountain will remain open on Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:50 p.m., and then close Monday for additional midweek snowmaking. Assuming all goes well and the weather cooperates, it will reopen for the season on Friday, Nov. 16.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Gunstock Mountain Resort (Nov. 30)
www.gunstock.com
Summit elevation: 2,300 ft.
Vertical drop: 1,400 ft.
Number of lifts: 8
Number of trails: 55
Gunstock is scheduled to open for the season on Nov. 30, but this Saturday will celebrate 75 years of Gunstock history at the Gunstock Mountain Historic Preservation Society Ski Ball. The event will include food and live music performed by the Swing & Jazz Band Gerry Grimo & the East Bay Jazz Ensemble.

Vermont

▶ Stratton Mountain had the snow guns blasting this week and is planning to open before Thanksgiving.

Stratton Mountain Resort
www.stratton.com
Base elevation: 1,872 ft.
Summit elevation: 3,875 ft.
Vertical drop: 2,003 ft.
Number of lifts: 11
Number of trails: 94
Longest run: 15,840 ft.
Snow guns are blasting as Stratton marked the first official day of the snowmaking on Monday. This means opening day plans are coming into focus for Nov. 21, amidst a five-day celebration of the beginning of winter. Stratton Mountain will be busy with winter events and traditions from Nov. 21 to 25. Check the website for more information.

Cranmore Mountain Resort
www.cranmore.com
Summit elevation: 2,000 ft.
Vertical drop: 1,500 ft.
Number of lifts: 10
Number of trails: 54
Cranmore fired up the snow guns for the first time early Monday and is scheduled to open winter operations on Friday, Nov. 23. On Nov. 24, the resort will celebrate its 75th Anniversary Homecoming with a live auction of five "East Chair" chairs, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Herbert Schneider Memorial Fund. There also will be a silent auction, a meet and greet with the Cranmore general manager and president, and a free 75th anniversary poster for all 2012-13 season-pass holders in attendance.

VERMONT

Killington Mountain
www.killington.com
Summit elevation: 4,241 ft.
Vertical drop: 3,050 ft.
Number of lifts: 22
Number of trails: 140
Killington opened for the 2012-13 season Monday and has five trails in full operation. Low temperatures are sticking around, allowing the mountain to produce snow through Thursday afternoon. Snowmaking continues on nine trails, and mountain officials plan to expand terrain as long as conditions allow.

Mount Snow
www.mountsnow.com
Base elevation: 1,900 ft.
Summit elevation: 3,600 ft.
Vertical drop: 1,700 ft.
Number of lifts: 20
Number of trails: 80
Mount Snow will open one lift this Friday, with all the proceeds going toward Hurricane Sandy recovery. Lift tickets will cost $10 per person, and the lift will operate from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. Depending on snow conditions, the mountain will stay open during the same hours Saturday and Sunday.

Okemo Mountain Resort
www.okemo.com
Summit elevation: 3,344 ft.
Vertical drop: 2,200 ft.
Number of lifts: 19
Number of trails: 119
Okemo has had 100 snow guns running in preparation for its opening today. Follow #countdown2skiseason on Twitter @okemomountain. METRO

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Democrats rejoice — and gloat

Today is a great day for America and her people. Yesterday, millions came together for one cause and that was to vote for their hearts and future. President Obama won reelection. The Republican Party is left with doubling down. The "all eggs in one basket" approach backfired. They are now left with having to come face to face with the George W. Bush legacy of never taking full responsibility for their mistakes, now they are engaging in a new round of finger pointing at each other and candidates Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan. They will have to rebuild their brand and reputations all over again mainly because of Bush.

ANTONIO BENJAMIN, VIA E-MAIL

Republicans mourn — and pray

The reelection of President Obama is one of the saddest days I can remember. I feel like someone shut the lights out on America's bright future. Oh! What could have been. I had such optimism.

We will continue down the road of big government. More people will continue with their entitlements, food stamps, free housing, etc. Take away people's incentive to work, and their dreams die. We still have a huge debt — more than $16 trillion dollars and growing. The stagnant economy and record joblessness are all issues Obama will have to address.

We can no longer blame Bush for America's decline. Obama must take responsibility for our demise.

JOHN MCLAUGHLIN, VIA E-MAIL

OMG. Four more years of blaming George Bush. God help America.

MIKE SEFA, VIA E-MAIL

Everyone else is just sick of the fuss

Now that the campaign season is over, we can finally get a break from all those awful ads. Most people know those ads and the huge sums of money that paid for them were unleashed by the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision. But did you know we're now one quarter of the way to reversing that decision by amending the U.S. Constitution? As of Tuesday, we are. Amending the Constitution requires two-thirds of each chamber of Congress — that's 67 senators and 290 representatives — plus three-fourths of the states — that's 38 states. Eleven states have formally called for an amendment, including two, Montana and Colorado, where the voters statewide just voted on Tuesday to call for one. Add your state to that list.

JEFF SHAPIRO, VIA E-MAIL

Maybe we can finally see an end to the two-party nightmare. There was really no difference between either camp's candidate. All I know is that as long as the Republican machine keeps churning out unelectable poster children and the Democratic machine keeps pushing harder-left candidates, the only thing that will be the same is the land of the free and home of the brave will be seen as the joke of the free world. Oh wait, there is no free world, just varying degrees authority and police states. I'd move, but where to? Mars isn't open yet.

ANTHONY CASCIO, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** There are strong indications that you may learn about someone who is strongly attracted to you. If you'd welcome a new relationship, check things out.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** The financial trends seem to be much more stable than they were yesterday. If there is a fiscal matter that needs to be discussed or revised, do so now.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Someone who loves you as much as you love him or her wouldn't mind hearing you express your feelings, especially if you haven't been as demonstrative as usual.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Do more detective work regarding an arrangement or a relationship that you deem dubious. It could be far more beneficial than you think, which you'll quickly discover.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** You can gain the support of friends regarding a deeply important issue if you discuss it with them on a one-on-one basis. Don't try to sell everyone on your plan at the same time.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Think of your hard work on a difficult project as a labor of love, and your toil will seem much easier. A positive, happy attitude will enhance your abilities.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** There is a possibility that many of you Bulls who are unattached could rekindle a past romance at this time. From out of the blue, you might encounter or hear from an old flame.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** One of your greatest assets is your ability to finalize historically tricky situations with a minimum of fuss. Finish with the old before starting the new.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** An arrangement you enter into should be long-lasting and of equal benefit to both parties. This will be especially important if you're dealing with a member of the opposite gender.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Should you be in need of an expensive service requiring an expert, shop around before committing. There's a good chance you'll save some money.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Regardless of the involvements you might have, you're likely to make a good impression on all those you encounter. Bask in your deserved popularity.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** A better understanding of what is best for you, as well as for your entire family, can be achieved. Bring any constructive, common interests to the forefront for maximum effect.

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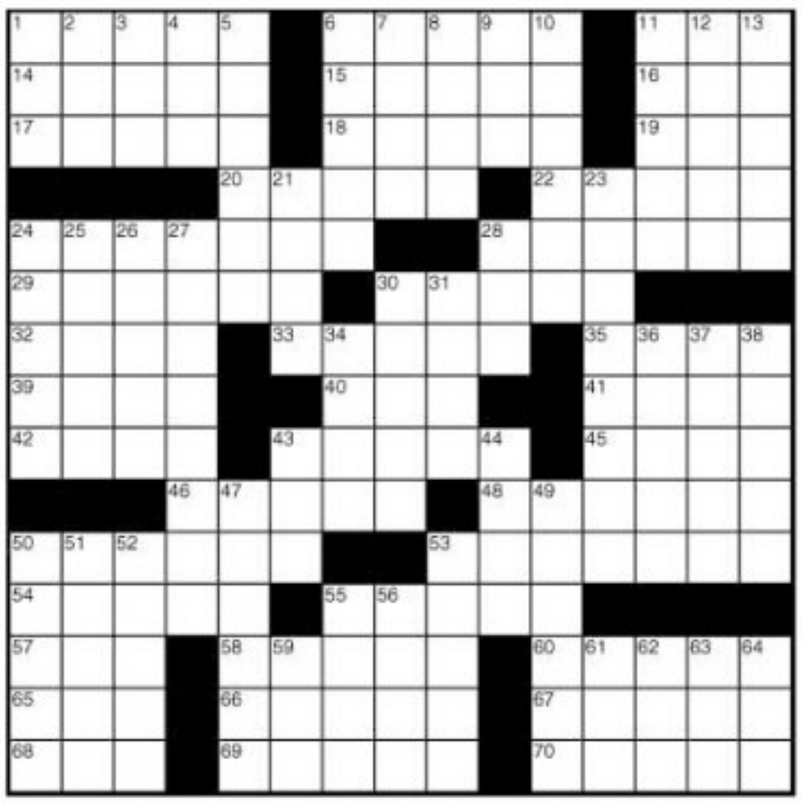

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SUDOKU **LEVEL: HARD**

Solution to yesterday's crossword

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It must be fun decorating restaurants in these days of ad hoc, mismatched prints and patterns. Gem's interior is a mix of voluptuous Victoriana — three different patterned brocades upholster comfy seating and wood that fits and sits grandly into Downtown Crossing.

Gem: A diamond

Head to Downtown Crossing for seasonal fall fare done right ◗ The options are limited, but your taste buds won't care ◗ Chefs at Gem can work wonders with soup and salad

▶ Gem has a definite Victorian feel. Entrees range from $15 to $35.

If there's one noticeable thing about Gem's menu, it's brevity — there's a handful of entrees and only a slightly larger selection of appetizers.

Despite that, it's a hard choice. The preparations are each quite enticing. For fall, the menu, which debuted in April at the restaurant's opening, has added seasonal twists. Sup a warming soup that's a delicate shade of orange, like a spectacular but spare winter sunset. It's made with Long Island cheese pumpkins, rendered with cream to a smooth, satisfying liquid and finished with silky pumpkin seed oil, aromatic brown sage and crisp rye croutons.

A lightly grilled romaine accompanied by blackened sashimi tuna and spots of Caesar dressing is hearty winter salad that, as with any decent Caesar, is garnished with salty white anchovies. Another appetizer is a light, fluffy gnudi, a gnocchi-type pasta made with ricotta and a small amount of flour. The dish gets a big flavor boost from succulent hon shimeji mushrooms, and its creamy sauce has a hint of cognac and truffle oil.

These join some already popular standards — from light diced tuna and hamachi tartare tossed together with cucumber

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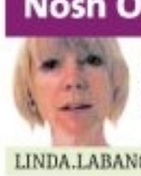

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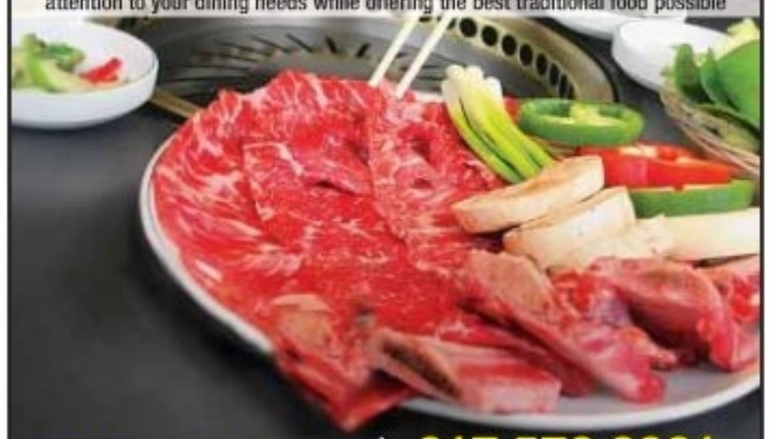
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▶ Gem's new fall menu features a grilled romaine lettuce salad with fresh sardines and homemade dressing.

and a piquant soy dressing, to a sizeable plate of crispy chicken — the recipe borrowed from elder sibling restaurant Tosca in Hingham — which is made with a naturally raised bird.

Gem's carefully culled wine list also is succinct but tantalizing (honeyed Californian sparkling, citrusy New Zealand SB), and dessert offers up just two options: a pan-grilled ricotta cheesecake with spiced fruit compote, or a mocha parfait.

After all, choice, if overdone, is just more baggage.

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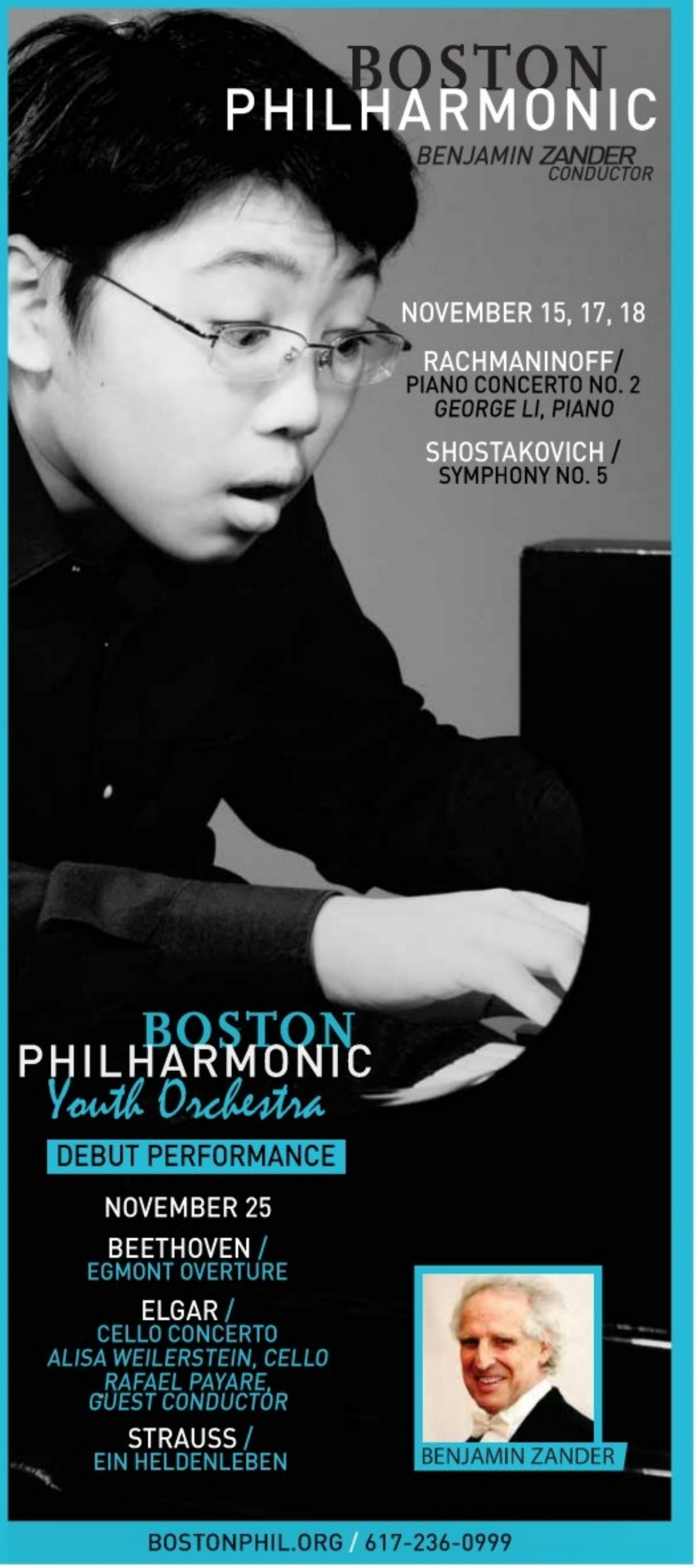

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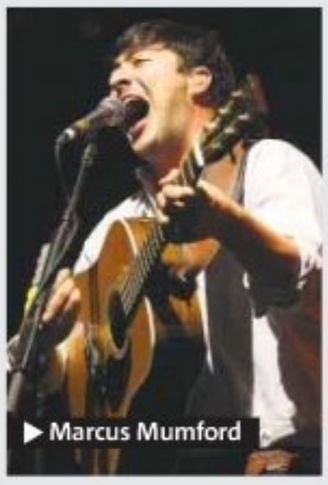
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She's feeling like a million bucks

Amanda Palmer on her relationship with art and her fans ◐ She doesn't really think 'Theatre is Evil' ◐ It's just an album title, people!

A compliment makes a gal feel like a million bucks, and there's no greater compliment than, well, a million bucks — which is what Amanda Palmer received via her fan-fueled Kickstarter fundraiser for her new album, "Theatre is Evil."

"I got 1.2 million in preorders," corrects Palmer.

She's speaking from New York, where she's rehearsing with her band, the Grand Theft Orchestra. "It doesn't mean I have a million dollars. It does mean that business is good."

There's no denying the validation when fans shell out before hearing a single note of music, though.

"It's a big symbolic gesture on the part of my fans that tells me they have an enormous amount of faith in me. But this is the relationship I have developed ... which isn't about music. It's about art and love and creating a community. The music is a bit of a red herring."

Palmer catches herself and laughs at her last statement.

"Well, if I weren't a performer, none of this would be happening," she adds. "I'm not interested in having fans and admirers. I don't want to be a pop star. I'm among those artists who use art and music to connect."

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Death, rebirth and 'Evil'

For Amanda Palmer, calling an album "Theatre is Evil" is like Snoop calling a project "I Don't Like Marijuana." "I do love theater — the title is highly ironic," says Palmer. "But I struggle with the current manifestation of the theater world. It's dying a strange death and hopefully experiencing a rebirth the same way music is. It's not the artists creating it, but the way culture feels about it. So much is academic."

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▶ Roky Erickson hits TT's this weekend.

Mary Black

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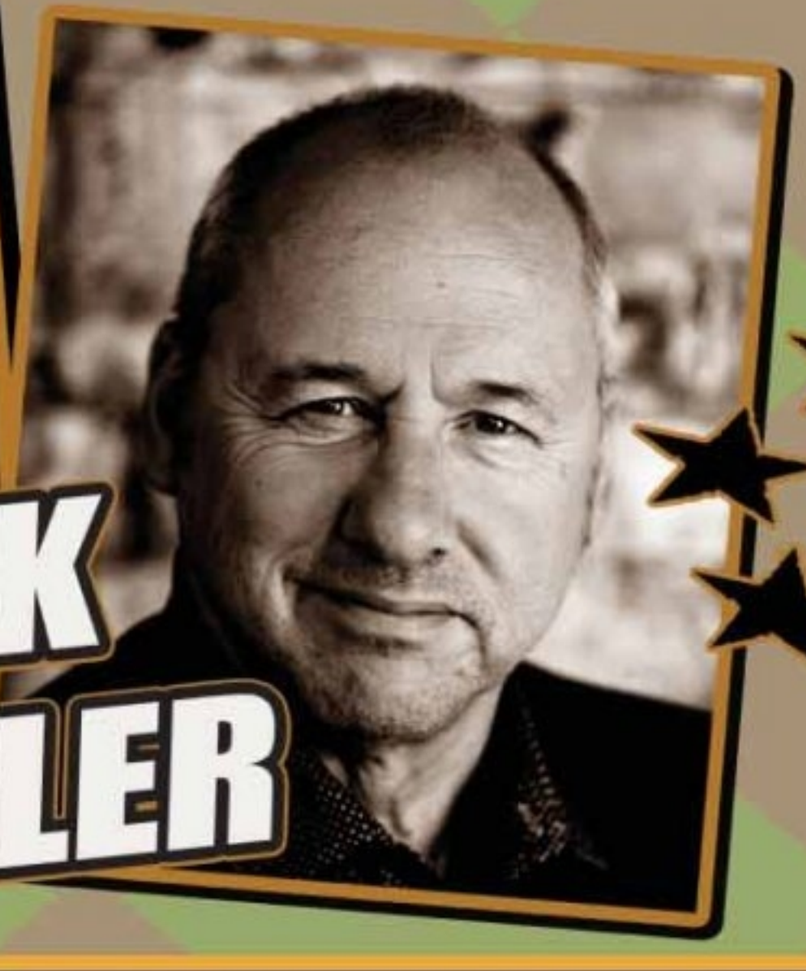

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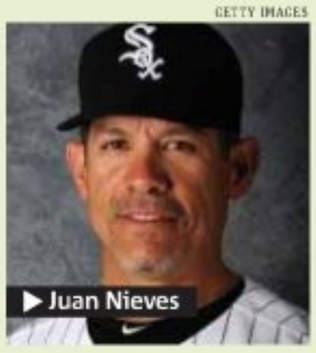

▶ Juan Nieves

Nieves made surprise pick

The Red Sox are set to name White Sox bullpen coach Juan Nieves as their pitching coach.

Rick Peterson was considered the favorite for the position for the better part of a week.

The 47-year-old Nieves has spent the past 14 years as a pitching coach in the White Sox system. Nieves was no slouch in his playing career in the majors, as he threw the first no-hitter in Milwaukee Brewers history in 1987. METRO/MB

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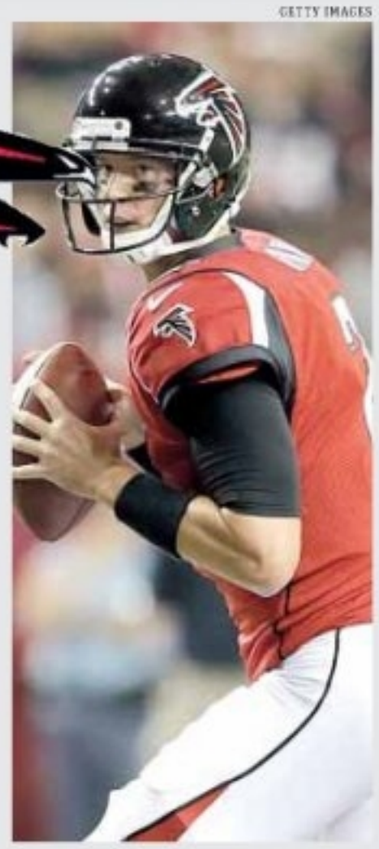

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They've handled every challenge thrown at them. They've won blowout games. They've won tight games. They've beaten almost the entire NFC East. Now they'll go to New Orleans to face a Saints team in desperate need of a season-saving win. If they can win on the road there, they will really justify their undefeated record.

2 **TEXANS (7-1)**
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3 **BEARS (7-1)**
If Jay Cutler and the offense is rolling like they were last week, forget about it, because the Bears can beat anybody. Game of the year Sunday, at home vs. Texans.

4 **NINERS (6-2)**
Talk all you want about the defense — and it is very impressive — but running back Frank Gore is the glue. He is on pace for more than 1,300 yards this season.

5 **GIANTS (6-3)**
Big Blue lost despite one of the worst games of Eli Manning's career (10-of-24, 125 yards, one interception). Some are anticipating another second-half swoon. We're not.

6 **RAVENS (6-2)**
They should be able to squeak out a win on reputation alone this week, then we'll find out how tough the Ray Lewis-less Ravens are in Pittsburgh.

7 **PACKERS (6-3)**
We told you they were heating up, NBA Jam style. They have four straight wins with an average margin of victory of almost two touchdowns (12.75).

8 **PATRIOTS (5-3)**
In Bill Belichick we trust. His defense may be a tad slow; however, the new wrinkle on offense — tailback Stevan Ridley (716 yards) — is a pretty good insurance policy behind Tom Brady.

9 **BRONCOS (5-3)**
Peyton Manning hasn't been shy about floating some ducks, but when you have 48 fourth-quarter comebacks in your career, who cares? He looks like he is finding his pre-injury form. Denver is officially Peyton's Place.

10 **STEELERS (5-3)**
If you had told anyone not named Dick LeBeau that Troy Polamalu would play only two games and Pittsburgh would rank No. 1 in total defense, just shut up, because you're lying.

11 **SEAHAWKS (5-4)**
Just when they were starting to look like pretenders, they earn a crucial win against a potential playoff team. With this defense, they'll be there.

12 **COLTS (5-3)**
Andrew Luck was supposed to be three or four years away from a playoff run, yet here they are, sitting in contention at the midway point. Luck is better than RG3. You heard it here first.

13 **VIKINGS (5-4)**
The slide has started in Minnesota, and it probably won't end until — with apologies to Samantha Steele — Christian Ponder learns how to be a difference-maker.

14 **DOLPHINS (4-4)**
Quarterback Ryan Tannehill won't get the press his rookie classmates Andrew Luck and Robert Griffin III get because he doesn't put up the same numbers, but his leadership is invaluable.

15 **CHARGERS (4-4)**
A win is a win is a win is a win, even if it's against Kansas City. Does Philip Rivers (18-of-20 last week) have one last run in him? Will Norv Turner be able to hang around one more year? We'll find out over the next two weeks.

16 **BUCCANEERS (4-4)**
Tampa Bay owns the league's top-ranked rush defense and ninth-best rush offense (thank you, Doug Martin!). They are also averaging 39 points in their last two victories.

17 **LIONS (4-4)**
Left for dead three weeks ago, Matt Stafford has resurrected them. He's the fourth-highest-rated QB (99.8) in the fourth quarter and is on pace to break the 5,000-yard plateau.

18 **CARDINALS (4-5)**
Kevin Kolb is reportedly still having trouble sneezing. While he's far from the Cards' savior, he's the best shot they've got at saving this sinking ship.

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